

Friday 5th June

EPSOM DOWNS

1.30 WIN WITH ZYN 3YO "DASH" HANDICAP (2) 5f (1010 Metres)

RACE 1 **(5) SHES GOT A BROTHER | (4) WEDONTTELLIES | (10) RILEY ROCKS**

2.05 ODDSCHECKER BRITISH EBF WOODCOTE STAKES (2) 6f3y (1210 Metres)

RACE 2 **(4) HICKORY LAD | (5) POSSESSIVE | (7) WILD TERRAIN**

2.40 BETFRED DIOMED STAKES (Group 3) (1) 1m113y (1710 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) PERSICA | (1) BOILING POINT | (3) ICE MAX**

3.15 BETFRED 'NIFTY 50' HANDICAP (2) 1¼m17y (2030 Metres)

RACE 4 **(6) HAND OF GOD | (4) RESPOND | (3) SALLAAL**

4.00 BETFRED OAKS (Group 1) (1) 1½m6y (2420 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) AMELIA EARHART | (5) LEGACY LINK | (9) VENETIAN LACE**

4.40 HKJC WORLD POOL HANDICAP (2) 1m113y (1710 Metres)

RACE 6 **(15) ASMEN WARRIOR | (11) STEM | (3) MISTER WINSTON**

5.15 CYGAMES SURREY STAKES (Listed) (1) 7f3y (1410 Metres)

RACE 7 **(5) STELLAR SUNRISE | (6) TEN CARAT HARRY | (3) NORTHERN CHAMPION**

5.50 DEBENHAMS HANDICAP (2) 7f3y (1410 Metres)

RACE 8 **(1) DANCE IN THE STORM | (2) RHOSCOLYN | (9) ZARATHOS**

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Top Rated: The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

Horses For Courses: A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

1.30

WIN WITH ZYN 3YO "DASH" HANDICAP (2) 3yo (Rated 0-100) £75,000 5f (1010 Metres)

RACE 1



Going: **Good to Soft; 5f: Good**

Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Extreme**

1	7	ROSIE FRITH (IRE) (33) (D)	86
	6917221-8	3 9-12 62.6kg	
Patrick Magee, Ireland <i>Patrick McGettigan (5lb/2kg)</i>			
Gradually progressive at 2 yrs, culminating with a front-running success on nursery debut at Dundalk (5f) in October. Shaped as if needing the run when last of 8 in a listed race at Cork on last month's return but still 12 lb higher than for previous handicap success.			
2	9	CHAIRMANFOURTIMES (IRE) (21) (D)	97
	313210-70	3 9-8 60.8kg	
Adrian Keatley <i>M. P. Sheehy</i>			
Took a Pontefract maiden in July and resumed winning ways in listed company at Ayr (5f, soft) in September. Looked too high in the weights when mid-field at York 3 weeks ago, though, and others are preferred now sporting first-time tongue tie (also gelded since last seen).			
3	5	TEMPLE OF ATHENA (22) (D)	97
	5163-1708	3 9-7 60.3kg	
Brian Ellison <i>Clifford Lee</i>			
Improved to make a successful reappearance in 5f handicap at Wolverhampton in March. However, failed to back that up in a listed event at Bath before finishing well beaten in a 6f handicap at Chester. Badly hampered at York last time but others still make greater appeal.			
4	4	WEDONTTELLIES (IRE) (13) (D)	100
	8315-041	3 9-3 58.5kg	
Richard Hughes <i>Billy Loughnane</i>			
Progressive 7f winner at 2 yrs but has improved further since switched to sprinting this season, producing a career best in first-time cheekpieces when winning 9-runner handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) 13 days ago. Plenty to like about the style of that victory and he's high on the shortlist.			
5	15	SHES GOT A BROTHER (21) (D)	98
	114	3 9-2 58.1kg	
Michael & David Easterby <i>Billy Garrity</i>			
Displayed plenty of speed in winning her first 2 races over 5f at Southwell, showing a good attitude to overcome a penalty on the second occasion in April. Shaped well from the front when fourth of 17 on handicap debut at York 3 weeks ago and this test of raw speed should suit her ideally.			
6	8	NAANA'S SHADOW (IRE) (21) (D)	99
	7221-613	3 8-12 56.2kg	
Katie Scott <i>Oisin Murphy</i>			
Stepped up markedly on stable debut/reappearance when making all in 8-runner handicap at Catterick (5f) in April and made a bold bid from the front when third of 17 at York (5f) 3 weeks ago. Straightforward sort who should be on the premises again.			
7	11	ONE AND GONE (IRE) (13)	97
	34-347334	3 8-12 56.2kg	
Ian Williams <i>Edward Greatrex</i>			
Creditable efforts when making the frame on 5 of his last 6 starts, including when 1¾ lengths fourth of 9 to Wedonttelligies in handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to firm, 4/1) 13 days ago. Cheekpieces back on but perhaps vulnerable to less-exposed rivals again.			
8	12	U S S CHARLESTON (23) (D)	97
	491-36391	3 8-12 56.2kg	
Lemos De Souza <i>T. Kiely-Marshall (5lb/2kg)</i>			
Gained a first success in 5f Wolverhampton nursery in December and was well positioned when making the breakthrough on turf in a 5-runner handicap at Yarmouth (5f, good to soft) 23 days ago. Probably needs to take another step forward from 7 lb higher mark.			
9	10	HENRYTHENATE (28) (D)	96
	56-119875	3 8-12 56.2kg	
Patrick Morris <i>Paddy Bradley</i>			
Started 2026 with back-to-back wins over this trip at Lingfield but again didn't prove as effective over 6f there on final start for Stuart Williams. Made a reasonably positive start for new yard back down at 5f when fifth at Chester 4 weeks ago but others perhaps hold stronger win claims.			

10	14	RILEY ROCKS (13) (BF)	96
	4-116	3 8-11 55.8kg	
Dylan Cunha <i>Ray Dawson</i>			
Won 6f events at Newcastle and Southwell on his first 2 starts this year and shaped as if he'll prove as effective back down at 5f when sixth of 9 to Wedonttelligies in handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) 13 days ago, lacking a clear passage from halfway. Not ruled out.			
11	3	HANNEY GIRL (13) (D)	98
	11256-753	3 8-11 55.8kg	
Tim Easterby <i>David Allan</i>			
Speedy sort improved to land a Beverley maiden and Ripon nursery (both 5f) last summer. Went off too hard again when third of 8 in handicap at Haydock (5f, good to soft) 13 days ago, but this test of pace might lend itself well to her aggressive run style.			
12	16	PROOF (19) (D)	97
	35143-198	3 8-11 55.8kg	
Charles Hills <i>Kieran Shoemark</i>			
Showed a good attitude when doubling his tally on reappearance/all-weather debut at Southwell (5f) in April. Met some trouble when never landing a blow at Chester last week but fewer excuses upped to 6f when down the field at Hamilton last time. Tongue strap now fitted.			
13	13	CALL MARGOT (IRE) (21) (D)	96
	657-5217	3 8-10 55.3kg	
Gemma Tutty <i>Sam James</i>			
Progressed in 3 handicap outings at Southwell for current yard, winning an 8-runner contest there (5f) in April. Shaped as if still in good heart when seventh of 17 in handicap at York (5f, good, 14/1) 3 weeks ago, but the way she hung under pressure was disconcerting and others look more solid.			
14	1	ALFA DUPLICATE (IRE) (32) (D)	97
	72-671131	3 8-10 55.3kg	
Ivan Furtado <i>Silvestre De Sousa</i>			
Off the mark at Southwell in February dropped to 5f for the first time, before battling well to follow up over 6f at Newcastle 3 weeks later. Again, showed a good attitude to notch a third win of the year in a 14-runner event at Beverley (5f) last month and she's not ruled out in this stronger race.			
15	6	COYY (IRE) (13) (D)	98
	48358-013	3 8-7 54.0kg	
Eve Johnson Houghton <i>Saffie Osborne</i>			
Proved hit and miss last year but stepped up markedly on his reappearance back on a faster surface when opening his account at Windsor (5f) in May and backed that up with a good third behind Wedonttelligies at Goodwood 13 days ago. Best work came late on there and faces greater test of speed here.			
16	2	ARTISTA (IRE) (24) (D)	97
	149-75435	3 8-5 53.1kg	
Ollie Sangster <i>Luke Morris</i>			
Successful twice last year and posted a respectable third in handicap at Bath (5f) towards the end of April. Proved too free in first-time cheekpieces when last in a 5-runner seller at Beverley since, though, and others make greater appeal despite headgear being removed.			

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Wedonttelligies, **13-2** Shes Got A Brother, **8-1** Naana's Shadow, **11-1** U S S Charleston, **11-1** Riley Rocks, **12-1** Coyy, **12-1** One And Gone, **14-1** Hanney Girl, **16-1** Alfa Duplicate, **28-1** Temple of Athena, **28-1** Henrythenate, **33-1** Proof, **33-1** Artista, **33-1** Chairmanfourtimes, **33-1** Call Margot, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SHES GOT A BROTHER looks all about speed and shaped really well pitched into a big-field handicap at York last time. This test should play to her strengths and she gets the verdict over Wedonttelligies, a ready winner at Goodwood last time, and Riley Rocks.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SHES GOT A BROTHER 2. WEDONTTELLIES 3. RILEY ROCKS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Stormy Impact 3-9-5	7-1	Richard Fahey	Warren Fentiman (5)	16
2024	Blue Storm 3-9-7	8-1	Gemma Tutty	Rossa Ryan	19
2023	Tatterstall 3-9-2	8-1	Michael Dods	Connor Beasley	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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ODDSCHECKER BRITISH EBF WOODCOTE STAKES (2) 2yo
£75,000 6f3y (1210 Metres)

RACE 2



Going: **Good to Soft; 5f: Good**

Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Strong**


1 12 ALPE D'HUEZ (IRE) (36) (D) 90
1 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Archie Watson **Luke Morris**
Foaled March 27. €65,000 foal, €58,000 yearling, Kodi Bear colt. Half-brother to useful 13f winner Vorfreude. Dam lightly raced out of useful 2-y-o 6f winner Nijoom Dubai. Yet another clued-up debutant for this yard when landing odds in 7-runner novice at Lingfield a month ago (6f). More to come.


2 7 DANDYMAN DAN (IRE) (8) (D) 99
15 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 David Evans **Saffie Osborne**
38,000 gns Dandy Man colt from family of Prix Morny winner Silca's Sister. Belied big odds when making winning debut at Bath and while he improved on that in form terms when fifth of 6 in listed company at Sandown he was never really a factor back at 5f. This trip will suit.


3 11 EL LAMBO (IRE) (23) (D) 88
651 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Charles Hills **Jason Watson**
Still looks a work in progress but found plenty for pressure when making third start a winning one at Bath 3 weeks ago. That isn't form to be getting carried away with but he's well bred and in very good hands.


4 10 HICKORY LAD (IRE) (30) 100
212 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Phillip Makin **Sam James**
James Garfield colt who showed plenty of ability when runner-up on debut at Thirsk and confirmed those impressions with a smooth success at Musselburgh (5f, good). Put in his place by a speedy one but beat the rest easily enough in the Lily Agnes and that is just about the best form on offer.


5 6 POSSESSIVE (13) (D) 93
1 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 K. R. Burke **Clifford Lee**
Foaled March 25. Lucky Vega colt. Dam useful French/German 1m winner (including at 2 yrs). Flashed his tail but ran on willingly when making a winning debut in 8-runner 6f novice at York 13 days ago. That form hasn't been tested but he could be useful for his leading stable.


6 3 THE BOOKKEEPER (IRE) (14) 81
41 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Richard Hughes **Hector Crouch**
Better than result on debut over 5f and took a step forward when winning 4-runner novice at Haydock upped to 7f 2 weeks ago. That was rather a blanket finish but he's not yet the finished article.


7 13 WILD TERRAIN (21) (D) 91
1 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Hugo Palmer **Oisin Murphy**
Foaled March 7. 20,000 gns foal, £50,000 yearling, Territories colt. Dam, maiden (effective at 5.5f-1m), half-sister to smart 9.5f/1¼m winner Cashman and useful winner up to 1½m Only The Brave. Claimer ridden when making a winning start at Hamilton 3 weeks ago. Expected to progress.


8 14 ARDAD STEVE (IRE) (16) 86
4 2 9-2 | 58.1kg

 Eve Johnson Houghton **Charles Bishop**
Foaled March 21. 32,000 gns Ardad colt. Dam once-raced half-sister to smart 7f-1¼m winner Hadaatha out of smart winner up to 1m (2-y-o 7f winner) Hathrah. Better than he could show when fourth of 8 starting out at Yarmouth 16 days ago, denied a clear run. This will reveal more.


9 4 BENEFACIA (IRE) (15) 72
7 2 9-2 | 58.1kg

 Richard Hughes **David Probert**
Foaled February 28. 5,500 gns yearling, Dubawi Legend gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including 6f winner Betties Bay and 1¼m winner Bobacious. Green early but noted making late ground when seventh of 12 on Chepstow debut (6f) 2 weeks ago.


10 5 RLASTHOPE (22) 91
523 2 9-2 | 58.1kg

 Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood **C. T. Keane**
Rajasinghe gelding who matched previous form upped to 6f when third of 15 at York 3 weeks ago. Lacks the scope to improve of a few of these.


11 1 SOCIAL SPIRIT (20) 90
3 2 9-2 | 58.1kg

 Michael & David Easterby **Billy Garrity**
Foaled February 2. 22,000 gns yearling, Oasis Dream gelding. Half-brother to 8.4f winner Enchanted Eye and 2-y-o 7f winner Mystic Moment. Dam 8.3f-1½m winner. Already gelded but displayed ability when a keeping-on third at Doncaster (5f) 3 weeks ago. 6f promises to suit.

12 8 HAVANA FLASH (IRE) 90
2 8-11 | 55.8kg

 George Boughey **Billy Loughnane**
Foaled February 8. €55,000 yearling, 40,000 gns 2-y-o, Havana Grey filly. Half-sister to useful 2-y-o 7f winner Fast Attack. Dam 5f/6f winner. Noteworthy newcomer given yard she represents pitched in fairly deep on debut.

13 2 ROMIDIJO (15) 82
83 2 8-11 | 55.8kg

 Charlie Clover **Pierre-Louis Jamin**
Raced alone when third at Chepstow so that run possibly needs upgrading but like on debut, she flashed her tail, which raises concerns.

14 9 TIME AND EFFORT (15) 49
4 2 8-11 | 55.8kg

 Ivan Furtado **Silvestre De Sousa**
Foaled May 11. £5,000 yearling, Ubettabelleiveit filly. Half-sister to 3 winners, including 6f-1m winner Heroic and 9.5f winner Things Happen. Dam 2-y-o 5f/6f winner. Merely hinted at promise in debut over 5f at Musselburgh 2 weeks ago.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Possessive, 6-1 Hickory Lad, 13-2 Alpe D'huez, 17-2 Wild Terrain, 9-1 Dandyman Dan, 14-1 Social Spirit, 16-1 Ardad Steve, 18-1 Havana Flash, 20-1 Rlasthope, 22-1 El Lambo, 25-1 The Bookkeeper, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HICKORY LAD was second in an above-average looking Lily Agnes at Chester a month ago and with the way he stuck to his task that day, 6f promises to suit. He's marginally preferred to Possessive, who arguably has the most scope to improve of these. Of the rest, Wild Terrain also has a bigger effort in him.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HICKORY LAD 2. POSSESSIVE 3. WILD TERRAIN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Maximized 2-9-7	6-5f	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	9
2024	Teej A 2-9-2	7-2	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	10
2023	Bobsleigh 2-9-7	5-1	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	12
2022	Legend of Xanadu 2-9-7	4-1jf	Mick Channon	William Buick	12
2021	Oscula 2-9-0	15-2	George Boughey	Mark Crehan	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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BETFRED DIOMED STAKES (Group 3) (1) 3yo+ £125,000
1m113y (1710 Metres)

RACE 3



Going: **Good to Soft; 5f: Good**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Strong**

1 4 BOILING POINT (IRE) (14) (D) 99

4/5421-431 5 9-8 | 60.8kg
 K. R. Burke **Clifford Lee**
 Smart performer who posted a career best when defying top weight in the Cambridgeshire (9f) in September. Too free on first 2 starts back this season but in line with yard's good form, he resumed winning ways in listed company at Goodwood (1¼m) 2 weeks ago. Player back up in class.

2 3 CHANCELLOR (63) (D, BF) s 99

1/6712-125 4 9-8 | 60.8kg
 John & Thady Gosden **Robert Havlin**
 Returned a much-improved performer following gelding/breathing operations during the winter, winning twice (including listed race at Southwell), while latest fifth of 14 in a valuable Newcastle handicap (1m) in April was another solid effort. Can remain competitive in pattern company back on turf.

3 6 ICE MAX (14) (D, BF) ✓ 98

65711-536 5 9-8 | 60.8kg
 K. R. Burke **Sam James**
 Finished runner up behind Persica in this race 12 months ago and ended last season in top form, adding handicap/listed victories to his tally at around 1m. Far from discredited this year, sixth behind stablemate Boiling Point at Goodwood 2 weeks ago. Each-way claims.

4 1 PERSICA (IRE) (51) (CD) ★ 100

1815608-4 5 9-8 | 60.8kg
 Richard Hannon **Sean Levey**
 Produced a career best when landing this race 12 months ago. Proved more miss than hit thereafter but quite possible his reappearance run in the Earl of Sefton at Newmarket (9f) in April will bring him on. Course record stands at 2-2 and this has likely been his target.

5 2 QIRAT (69) 95

2/201570-4 5 9-8 | 60.8kg
 Ralph Beckett **C. T. Keane**
 Smart performer who caused a huge upset in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood last summer having slipped the field. Essentially struggled thereafter and whilst he should strip fitter for his Doncaster reappearance in March, he may not be the easiest to place this year.

6 7 ROYAL PLAYWRIGHT (189) 91

39453153- 4 9-8 | 60.8kg
 Andrew Balding **Silvestre De Sousa**
 Useful colt who capitalised on the ease in class when taking 3-runner conditions event at Goodwood (1¼m) in September. Similar form in defeat tackling listed company final 2 starts but he seemed to have no excuses when good fourth in this race 12 months ago.

7 8 SEAGULLS ELEVEN (IRE) (12) 94

062180-21 4 9-8 | 60.8kg
 Hugo Palmer **Oisin Murphy**
 Smart performer who was a Group 3 winner last summer and hit ground running in France this spring, second in Group 2 company prior to resuming winning ways from the front in listed company at Longchamp (1m, good to firm) 12 days ago. Worth his place back at this higher level.

8 5 SKUKUZA (51) 96

19343-456 5 9-8 | 60.8kg
 Ed Dunlop **Ryan Moore**
 Progressed with back-to-back victories at the Curragh last season, landing a listed race latterly. Performed with credit first 2 starts this year, so shade disappointing he wasn't in anything like the same form when last of 6 in the Earl of Sefton at Newmarket (9f). Likely candidate to bounce back.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Persica, **9-2** Boiling Point, **13-2** Ice Max, **8-1** Seagulls Eleven, **9-1** Skukuza, **11-1** Qirat, **14-1** Chancellor, **18-1** Royal Playwright

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Last year's winner PERSICA (2-2 here) left the impression his reappearance fourth in the Earl of Sefton will bring him on and, with the Richard Hannon yard in top form, he looks primed for a bold bid once again. Boiling Point was a place in front of the selection on that occasion and is feared having scored at listed level since. Stablemate Ice Max, who finished runner up 12 months ago, may emerge best of the remainder.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PERSICA 2. BOILING POINT 3. ICE MAX

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Persica 4-9-11	6-4f	Richard Hannon	Ryan Moore	8
2024	Royal Scotsman 4-9-8	17-2	Paul & Oliver Cole	Jamie Spencer	8
2023	Regal Reality 8-9-8	5-1	Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore	6
2022	Megallan 4-9-8	9-2	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	6
2021	Oh This Is Us 8-9-6	18-1	Richard Hannon	Tom Marquand	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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BETFRED 'NIFTY 50' HANDICAP (2) 4yo+ £120,000
1¼m17y (2030 Metres)

RACE 4



Going: **Good to Soft; 5f: Good**

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Draw: **Favours Low** Pace Information: **Very Strong**

	1	LIBERTY LANE (IRE) (20) (D)	90
		104341-54 6 10-1 64.0kg K. R. Burke <i>Jack Nicholls (5lb/2kg)</i> Smart at best, winning a listed race over this trip at Newmarket in November but failed to stay when fourth of 5 in a Group 3 over 1¼m at Newbury 20 days ago. Will prove suited by drop back in trip and grade.	
	2	BOLSTER (216) (CD)	93
		11/444559- 6 9-10 61.7kg K. R. Burke <i>Pierre-Louis Jamin</i> All 4 wins in 2024 came on soft or heavy ground and didn't really get his conditions last year. Returns after breathing operation in first-time cheekpieces and has won over C&D so is one to keep an eye on given he's also gone well fresh in the past.	
	3	SALLAAL (IRE) (38) (BF)	95
		1/51135-2 4 9-9 61.2kg Roger Varian <i>Ray Dawson</i> Won on handicap debut last July before listed attempts and then returned after 6 months off with a good second of 6 in C&D handicap 38 days ago, left with too much to do. Up 5 lb but likely not reached his limit and is one to take seriously.	
	4	RESPOND (IRE) (28) (D)	96
		2135-2131 4 9-7 60.3kg Andrew Balding <i>Oisin Murphy</i> Progressive since switching to front-running tactics, winning 2 of his last 3 starts, most recently successful by clear margin at Chester 28 days ago. Up 9 lb and far from certain to get his own way out in front from stall 15, but impossible to leave out of calculations.	
	5	BEYLERBEVI (29)	95
		231-32236 6 9-3 58.5kg Ian Williams <i>Billy Loughnane</i> Cesarewitch winner in October and proven at least as good when placed in all 4 handicap starts this year before out of depth in Group 3 company last time. Drops back in trip and grade now but his style will demand some luck around here.	
	6	HAND OF GOD (21) (D) ★	100
		11/960-71 5 9-3 58.5kg Harry Charlton <i>Lewis Edmunds</i> Smart performer who won impressively at Royal Ascot in 2024 but had a disappointing 2025 campaign. Back better than ever when resuming winning ways at Newbury over 1¼m 21 days ago, though, and a 5 lb rise for that success looks to offer him a good chance of following up.	
	7	QUAI DE BETHUNE (FR) (349) (D)	97
		3/14631- 4 9-2 58.1kg Hamad Al Jehani <i>James Doyle</i> Stayed on strongly to win 1¼m Golden Gates Handicap at Royal Ascot for Andrew Balding last June but not seen since and now starting out for a new yard (775,000 gns buy, subsequently gelded) so will need to hit the ground running.	
	8	GREAT DAVID (28) (D)	93
		41/13555-9 4 9-2 58.1kg James Tate <i>Rossa Ryan</i> Made up into a useful sort last year and probably needed run when ninth of 11 in a handicap at Chester 28 days ago. Should strip fitter for that and now tries cheekpieces, but others appeal as better treated.	
	9	DHAHABI (IRE) (483)	82
		4844/00- 8 9-2 58.1kg Ian Williams <i>Edward Greatrex</i> Smart at best but absent since finishing last of 10 in a 1¼m turf handicap at Meydan in February, beaten 21½ lengths, and is hard to fancy starting out for a new yard.	
	10	KING'S CODE (23) (D)	95
		35-156800 6 8-13 56.7kg David Evans <i>Saffie Osborne</i> Prolific all-weather winner but out of depth in similar event at York recently and looks set to struggle again.	

	11	AULD TOON LOON (IRE) (11) (D, BF)	95
		43/2001-83 7 8-13 56.7kg Tom Dascombe <i>Kieran Shoemark</i> Stepped up on reappearance run when third of 6 at Windsor 11 days ago, going down fighting, but this looks much deeper and may prove vulnerable to less-exposed rivals.	
	12	HAVE SECRET (IRE) (21) (D)	95
		06214-515 6 8-11 55.8kg Richard & Peter Fahey <i>Billy Garrity</i> Won at Pontefract in April but that was a weakish class 2. Acquitted himself well from career-high mark when fifth of 15 at York 21 days ago when having to wait for a run, but this looks tougher again.	
	13	TYCOON (34) (D)	99
		3/13867-53 4 8-10 55.3kg Kevin Philippart de Foy <i>David Egan</i> Relatively unexposed and has often shaped as though he has a bigger performance in him, including when third of 12 at Newmarket over 9f in May, coming home first in his group. This step back up to a slightly longer trip looks sure to suit and he's one to be interested in.	
	14	LET'S DREAM (29) (D)	95
		1782381-1 5 8-8 54.4kg Michael Bell <i>David Probert</i> Completed back-to-back wins when scoring at Chester over this trip in a handicap 29 days ago off a 7-month break, scoring by a nose. Up 3 lb and faces much stronger opposition here.	
	15	ALPHA CRUCIS (IRE) (69)	97
		4/820226-5 6 8-8 54.4kg Gary & Josh Moore <i>Jason Watson</i> Gave running when fifth of 21 in the Lincoln at Doncaster in March but hasn't scored since 2024 and likely to prove vulnerable for win purposes once more, though does have some course form to his name.	
	16	AMMES (IRE) (36)	95
		316523-62 4 8-7 54.0kg James Owen <i>Silvestre De Sousa</i> Returned to the Flat with creditable second of 7 in a handicap at Redcar in April, not getting a clear run before running on well. Capable of better with more luck here but this is a lot more competitive.	
	17	SPOKEN TRUTH (IRE) (11) (D)	98
		83408-422 5 8-2(8-1) 51.7kg (51.3kg) David O'Meara <i>Luke Morris</i> Has gone the right way for new connections, fourth on debut for the yard in March before shaping well when runner-up twice since. Likely to get his head in front again before too long but this good race might prove a bridge too far.	

17 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Respond, **7-1** Hand of God, **7-1** Sallaal, **8-1** Tycoon, **16-1** Bolster, **16-1** Liberty Lane, **18-1** Quai De Bethune, **18-1** Have Secret, **20-1** Spoken Truth, **20-1** Let's Dream, **20-1** Auld Toon Loon, **25-1** Alpha Crucis, **28-1** Great David, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HAND OF GOD proved better than ever when scoring at Newbury and a 5 lb rise looks well within his capabilities if in the same heart here. Respond will be dangerous if getting his way out in front and Sallaal is unexposed, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HAND OF GOD 2. RESPOND 3. SALLAAL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Ecureuil Secret 4-9-7	28-1	Richard Fahey	Oisín James Orr	13
2024	Bolster 4-9-8	5-1	K. R. Burke	Pierre-Louis Jamin	13
2023	Cadillac 5-9-11	12-1	George Boughey	Kevin Stott	11
2022	Royal Champion 4-9-2	14-1	Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	14
2021	Blue Cup 5-8-12	9-2f	David Menuisier	Oisín Murphy	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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BETFRED OAKS (Group 1) (1) 3yo fillies £625,000 1½m6y (2420 Metres)










RACE 5



Going: **Good to Soft; 5f: Good**

Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Strong**

1	2	A LA PROCHAINE (FR) (30)	93
	1-3	Ralph Beckett Made a promising winning start in maiden at Newbury in the autumn, coping well with the testing conditions (displays plenty of knee action). Gave an excellent account up in trip/grade when 3¼ lengths third to Amelia Earhart in Cheshire Oaks on return and can do better again with further rain a plus.	James Doyle
2	4	AMELIA EARHART (IRE) (30)	100
	32241-1	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland Took 5 goes to win a race at 2 yrs but she looked a different proposition (sporting unusual combination of blinkers/hood) stepped up significantly in trip when making a winning return in Cheshire Oaks last month, travelling/quickening up well. More to come and looks the one to beat.	Ryan Moore
3	9	CAMEO (IRE) (27) (D)	95
	0314-51	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland Wasn't progressing over 1m but showed much-improved form stepped up markedly in distance when winning Oaks Trial at Lingfield in good style 4 weeks ago. More needed again but she's not to be underestimated.	W. M. Lordan
4	6	K SARRA (23)	95
	1-03	Ralph Beckett Made a winning debut in taking fashion at Southwell in November and confirmed that promise at the second attempt (unsuited by drop in trip in the Fred Darling) when 2¼ lengths third of 5 to the returning Legacy Link in Musidora at York, shaping as if this extra distance will suit. Place claims.	Rossa Ryan
5	1	LEGACY LINK (23)	98
	314-1	John & Thady Gosden Out of a sister to Frankel. Progressive last year, winning Haydock novice before excellent fourth in Fillies' Mile at Newmarket. Took another marked step forward when making a winning return in the Musidora at York, looking well suited by the step up in trip. Big player.	C. T. Keane
6	7	ON MESSAGE (13) (C)	94
	451-13	Ralph Beckett Novice winner on the all-weather who had little trouble defying an opening mark of 80 over 1m here on return. Finished strongly in a messy listed event at Goodwood 2 weeks ago and she hasn't reached her ceiling yet (should stay this far).	Hector Crouch
7	3	SUGAR ISLAND (IRE) (30)	95
	15391-4	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland Ended her 2-y-o campaign with a win in a 1m Curragh Group 3 in October. Made a respectable return under a penalty when 5½ lengths fourth of 5 to Amelia Earhart in Cheshire Oaks and further rain would increase her chance if not used as a pacemaker.	R. P. Whelan
8	5	THUNDERING ON (41)	94
	42-21	Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland Promising Frankel filly who opened her account in impressive fashion in Group 3 at Navan (1¼m, good) 6 weeks ago. Further progress required but step up to 1½m will hold no fears for her.	D. B. McMonagle
9	8	VENETIAN LACE (IRE) (33)	99
	144362-3	Charlie Johnston Has developed physically over the winter and took a step forward from her 2-y-o form (runner-up in Fillies' Mile) when third in 1000 Guineas at Newmarket on return, beaten only by a couple who had benefit of a recent run. The way she stayed on again after setting the pace offers hope over this trip.	William Buick

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Amelia Earhart, **4-1** Legacy Link, **7-1** Thundering On, **17-2** A La Prochaine, **10-1** Cameo, **14-1** Venetian Lace, **20-1** K Sarra, **28-1** On Message, **33-1** Sugar Island

TIMEFORM VIEW:

AMELIA EARHART announced herself as a leading contender for this race after a stylish win at Chester on her reappearance and can follow in the footsteps of her stablemate Minnie Hauk, who went on to land this last year after making a successful return in the Cheshire Oaks. The highly progressive Legacy Link was nicely on top at the finish in the Musidora at York and looks the obvious threat, while 1000 Guineas third Venetian Lace holds strong form claims if seeing out this much longer distance.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AMELIA EARHART 2. LEGACY LINK 3. VENETIAN LACE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Minnie Hauk 3-9-2	9-2	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	9
2024	Ezeliya 3-9-2	13-2	D. K. Weld	C. D. Hayes	12
2023	Soul Sister 3-9-2	11-4	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	9
2022	Tuesday 3-9-2	13-2	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	11
2021	Snowfall 3-9-0	11-2	Aidan O'Brien	Frankie Dettori	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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HKJC WORLD POOL HANDICAP (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100)
£75,000 1m113y (1710 Metres)

RACE 6




Going: **Good to Soft; 5f: Good**


Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

Draw: **Against High** Pace Information: **Very Strong**


1 4 OZAT (FR) (48) (D) 90
 4585248-0 5 9-12 | 62.6kg

 **Ian Williams** *Edward Greatrex*
 Four-time winner in France, including twice at Chantilly last spring. Probably needed the run on yard/handicap debut after 5 months off at Newbury and the assessor immediately eases his grip.


2 15 POPMASTER (IRE) (27) 94
 4-3212270 8 9-9 | 61.2kg

 **Ed Walker** *Kieran Shoemark*
 Likeable 8-y-o who has been at the top of his game on all-weather this year, winning at Kempton (1m) and runner-up on 3 other occasions. Easy to excuse his latest Ascot effort given his draw/track position but his mark is probably high enough for competitive races.


3 8 MISTER WINSTON (34) (BF) 96
 214140-16 4 9-9 | 61.2kg

 **Andrew Balding** *Oisin Murphy*
 Largely progressive last year and improved again back from a gelding operation when winning 1m Newmarket handicap on return in April. Easy enough to excuse his follow-up effort back there (9f) just under 5 weeks ago (not well placed in far-side group) and remains one to be positive about.


4 13 THUNDER ROAR (22) 89
 84102-700 7 9-8 | 60.8kg

 **Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood** *C. T. Keane*
 Looked better than ever when runner-up at York on his final start last term but is taking a while to find his feet this time around. Handicapper drops him 3 lb and market support should be noted with the booking of Colin Keane catching the eye.


5 10 MIRSKY (22) (CD) 94
 81109-310 7 9-8 | 60.8kg

 **David O'Meara** *Hector Crouch*
 Back-to-back winner last season (including this race) and stepped forward from reappearance to land the Thirk Hunt Cup last month. Wasn't handicapped out of things on the back of a 3 lb rise but proved to be a disappointment at York (1m, good) 12 days later so others more appealing.


6 18 NIZAM (FR) (48) 92
 5672156-0 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Ian Williams** *Charles Bishop*
 Winner of 3 of his 9 starts in France, most recently landing a 1m Deauville handicap last summer. Went without headgear (again discarded) when down the field in Spring Cup at Newbury on return for new yard and may well come on from that here.


7 7 MR SWIVELL (27) (D) 94
 1121820-7 5 9-5 | 59.4kg

 **Kevin Philippart de Foy** *Ray Dawson*
 Did well last season, winning 3 times and not seen to best effect in Cambridgeshire on final start in September. Shaped as if needing his recent reappearance run when seventh of 8 at Lingfield (7.5f, good to firm) last month but will need to step up plenty on that to feature here.

8 1 STERLING KNIGHT (20) 92
 240-60731 7 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Ed Dunlop** *Ryan Moore*
 Consistent last year and returned to his very best to score in some style in 12-runner event at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) just under 3 weeks ago, blessed by a favourable track position to beat the reopposing Jimmy Speaking by 2¼ lengths. Raised 5 lb but folly to discount.


9 2 MAN OF LA MANCHA (20) (D) 94
 332411-45 4 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **Ralph Beckett** *Rossa Ryan*
 Doubled his tally at Sandown (1m) last summer before following up over 9f at Newmarket in September. Shaping better than the distance beaten suggested with his return under his belt when fifth of 15 at Newbury (1m) last time and appeals as the type to progress in handicaps this term.


10 6 PRINCIPALITY (IRE) (27) (D) 95
 105345-01 4 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **Harry Eustace** *George Wood*
 Stripped fitter for his reappearance outing and took full advantage of a mark 1 lb lower than for his previous handicap success when winning 11-runner event at Nottingham (1m, good) just under 4 weeks ago, no disadvantage in coming from off the pace. Nudged up 2 lb and holds place claims.


11 14 STEM (IRE) (48) 99
 1/3022-9 4 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **Richard Hannon** *Pat Dobbs*
 Successful only start at 2 yrs and runner-up on 3 of his 4 starts last season, shaping with abundant promise when chasing home Eternal Force at Newbury (1m, soft) in September. Entitled to be sharper for April's reappearance and forecast conditions look firmly in his favour.


12 9 CELEBORN (21) (CD) 97
 132/1-5 4 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **George Boughey** *Billy Loughnane*
 Debut winner at Leicester in June 2024 and scored impressively last April in 13-runner C&D handicap on his only 2025 outing, looking at home on this track. Understandably looked a tad rusty after further 13 months off at Newbury (1¼m) 3 weeks ago and he remains with potential. Cheekpieces go on.


13 3 BRAGBOR (28) (D) 93
 213224-77 5 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **Richard & Peter Fahey** *Jamie Spencer*
 Consistent sort who ran to a similar level as on return switched to turf when seventh of 11 at Chester (1¼m, good to firm) 4 weeks ago. Yard amongst the winners but will need to step forward to feature in this.


14 11 WALSINGHAM (IRE) (22) (D) 92
 8/1110-310 6 9-0 | 57.2kg

 **David O'Meara** *Jason Watson*
 Recorded a hat-trick at Pontefract (twice) and Ascot last season. Stepped up on return when resuming winning ways at former course in April but had a lot more on his plate when down the field at York (1m, good) subsequently. This equally as competitive.


15 5 ASMEN WARRIOR (IRE) (11) 100
 12262-232 4 9-0 | 57.2kg

 **James Owen** *Silvestre De Sousa*
 Holding form but at the same time proving rather expensive to follow in 7 starts since joining this yard, given a no-nonsense ride having first try back at 1m since his debut and proving a different proposition when narrowly denied at Windsor (1m) 11 days ago. Shortlisted in first-time blinkers.


16 12 HOT CASH (20) (C) 94
 215654-02 4 8-11 | 55.8kg

 **Jack Channon** *David Probert*
 Won the Carlisle Bell off this mark last summer. Form gradually tailed off thereafter but showed benefit of last month's Newbury reappearance when going down narrowly at Thirk (1m) last month. Has conditions in his favour again and he's another who can get involved.

17 16 JIMMY SPEAKING (20) (D) 93
 13700-112 5 8-10 | 55.3kg

 **Chris Dwyer** *Lewis Edmunds*
 Has returned better than ever, justifying good support in 16-runner handicap at Doncaster on return before following up despite doing plenty wrong in 7-runner event at Southwell (7f). Ran well again when runner-up to Sterling Knight at Newmarket (1m) last time and he's respected in this mood.

18 17 FINAL NIGHT (20) 92
 311-31623 4 8-6 | 53.5kg

 **John Butler** *Saffie Osborne*
 Progressive during second half of last year and further improvement when adding to his tally at Kempton (1m) in March. Ran another solid race when 3 lengths third of 12 to Sterling Knight at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) last month but this demands more.

18 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-1 Stem, 13-2 Mister Winston, 8-1 Celeborn, 9-1 Man of La Mancha, 10-1 Principality, 14-1 Asmen Warrior, 14-1 Sterling Knight, 20-1 Mirsky, 20-1 Hot Cash, 20-1 Jimmy Speaking, 25-1 Bragbor, 33-1 Final Night, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

An open-looking contest in which preference is for ASMEN WARRIOR, who has found one too strong in 5 of his 7 starts for current connections but his latest Windsor effort represented a significant step forward. With first-time blinkers applied, he can gain a first handicap success at the expense of Stem, who is entitled to be sharper for his return and forecast conditions are in his favour. Mister Winston, Celeborn and Man of La Mancha are just a handful who may also feature, too.

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**HKJC WORLD POOL HANDICAP (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100)
£75,000 1m113y (1710 Metres)**

RACE 6



TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ASMEN WARRIOR 2. STEM 3. MISTER WINSTON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Mirsky 6-8-11	9-4f	David O'Meara	Oisin Murphy	10
2024	Two Tempting 5-8-7	12-1	Jonathan Portman	David Egan	15
2023	Austrian Theory 4-9-2	7-1	Charlie Johnston	Joe Fanning	12
2022	Totally Charming 4-9-2	4-1jf	George Boughey	William Buick	15
2021	Corazon Espinado 6-8-5	12-1	Simon Dow	Hollie Doyle	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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CYGAMES SURREY STAKES (Listed) (1) 3yo £85,000 7f3y (1410 Metres)

RACE 7



Going: **Good to Soft; 5f: Good**

Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Even**

1 4 ARDISIA (IRE) (20) 96
31127-746 **3 9-5** | 59.4kg



Hugo Palmer *David Probert*
Prolific juvenile who finished well held on his sole previous try over 7f on reappearance in the Greenham and having bounced back the best of his form when fourth in the Group 3 Pavillion at Ascot, he ran below form without an obvious excuse in a listed race at Newbury last time.

2 6 GREEK MYTHOLOGY (IRE) (19) (D) 92
1-23 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg



Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland *D. B. McMonagle*
Steadily progressive since making a winning debut at Dundalk last December, finishing third in a listed event at Naas on his most recent start and while this is a deeper race, he's in very good hands and remains open to improvement after just the 3 runs.

3 1 NORTHERN CHAMPION (IRE) (69) (D) 97
159-110 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg



Ed Walker *Kieran Shoemark*
Won a valuable newcomers race at Deauville on debut and looked progressive when successful in back-to-back conditions races in Meydan over the winter. Subsequently flying too high in the Group 1 Al Quoz Sprint in late-March but he isn't fully exposed over 7f and makes appeal with sights lowered.

4 2 POSTMODERN (IRE) (91) (BF) 97
10-732 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg



Hamad Al Jehani *James Doyle*
Looked a good prospect when winning on debut at Yarmouth last year and having chased home Northern Champion in early-February, he improved again when going close on handicap debut at Meydan the following month and could yet have more to offer over a longer trip.

5 5 STELLAR SUNRISE (35) (D, BF) 100
23115-13 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg



Andrew Balding *Oisin Murphy*
Quickened smartly to beat a now-smart type when a much-improved winner at Newbury on return and lost little in defeat when a well-backed third behind a pair of superior colts in a strong listed race at Newmarket last time. His form stacks up and he's fancied to resume winning ways.

6 8 TEN CARAT HARRY (34) 99
111-13341 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg



Jamie Osborne *Saffie Osborne*
Proved a revelation on the all-weather during the winter, winning 5 handicaps before being placed in listed company, and found further progress returned to turf when edging out a promising sort to score at Newmarket (6f). That's likely to prove strong form and he should make a bold bid back over 7f.

7 7 ASSARANCA (IRE) (27) (D) 86
32716-631 **3 8-11** | 55.8kg



Richard Hannon *Sean Levey*
Looked out of her depth on her only previous start in listed company as a juvenile and it's likely to be a similar story here, for all she arrives on the back of a career-best success in a 0-80 handicap on the turf at Lingfield.

8 3 AWAKEN (IRE) (51) 95
22194-0 **3 8-11** | 55.8kg



George Boughey *Billy Loughnane*
Useful form when hitting the frame in the Albany and Rockfel last year but she was well held, having been keener than ideal under a change of tactics, in the Nell Gwyn at Newmarket on seasonal reappearance and lacks the scope of some of her rivals.

9 9 ELLUSIVE BUTTERFLY (IRE) (23) (D) 97
43-12447 **3 8-11** | 55.8kg



K. R. Burke *Clifford Lee*
Southwell maiden winner who wasn't far behind Stellar Sunrise at Newmarket before looking unlucky not to finish closer from a tough-looking mark when seventh of 14 on handicap bow at York last time, and she should at least hold her own back in listed company.

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Stellar Sunrise, **9-2** Ten Carat Harry, **13-2** Northern Champion, **7-1** Postmodern, **8-1** Greek Mythology, **10-1** Ellusive Butterfly, **20-1** Ardisia, **25-1** Awaken, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

STELLAR SUNRISE bumped into a pair very much on the up when third in a strong race at Newmarket last time and he has excellent claims to make it 4 wins from 8 career starts. Ten Carat Harry continued his remarkable rise with success on return to turf at Newmarket and another big run is expected, while Commonwealth Cup entrant Northern Champion looks interesting back in calmer waters.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. STELLAR SUNRISE 2. TEN CARAT HARRY 3. NORTHERN CHAMPION

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Formal 3-8-11	9-4jf Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	8
2024	Evade 3-9-2	10-1 Archie Watson	Oisin Murphy	6
2023	Olivia Maralda 3-8-11	3-1 Roger Varian	Kevin Stott	9
2022	Ever Given 3-9-2	16-5 Hugo Palmer	Daniel Tudhope	7
2021	Memento 3-9-0	11-8f Archie Watson	Hollie Doyle	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**DEBENHAMS HANDICAP (2) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £75,000
7f3y (1410 Metres)**

RACE 8



Going: **Good to Soft; 5f: Good**

Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1 2 DANCE IN THE STORM (30) (D) h **100**
1714230-1 4 9-12 | 62.6kg

Andrew Balding **Oisin Murphy**
Progressive in 2025 (won at Wolverhampton and Sandown) and she took another step forward after 7 months off when landing 13-runner handicap at Chester (7f) 30 days ago, overcoming a pace bias in eye-catching style. Up 6 lb but she's a major player.

2 13 RHOSCOLYN (34) (CD) t **99**
100604-50 8 9-9 | 61.2kg

David O'Meara **Jason Watson**
Landed a sixth Goodwood success in the Golden Mile last summer. Mixed bag thereafter but confirmed he retains all his ability when fifth at Thirk in April. Not so good there last time but took this in 2021 and 2024 and now below last winning mark, while give underfoot is another plus.

3 8 THE ANGEL KING (30) (D) **94**
21301-706 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

Ian Williams **Billy Loughnane**
Dual winner in France for Francis-Henri Graffard. Promise at the second time of asking for new yard when 2½ lengths sixth of 13 at Chester 30 days ago, having hopeless task from position. Not out of things if building on it.

4 9 AURORA MAJESTY (IRE) (234) (CD) **96**
19661320- 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

Archie Watson **Luke Morris**
A three-time winner (including over C&D) in first half of 2025. Too free in cheekpieces when twelfth of 15 in handicap at Leicester (7f) final run but no surprise to see him bounce back on his return with headgear discarded.

5 12 VEBLÉN GOOD (IRE) (37) **93**
2172467-1 4 9-6 | 59.9kg

David O'Meara **Rossa Ryan**
A fairly useful 5f winner for Karl Burke. Changed hands for 32,000 gns and made a winning start for new yard in 6-runner handicap at Pontefract (6f) 37 days ago, though helped by being held up in strongly-run race.

6 3 CRIMSON SPIRIT (14) (CD) **96**
02440-301 5 9-6 | 59.9kg

Daniel & Claire Kubler **Ray Dawson**
Completed a hat-trick over this trip last summer and resumed winning ways in 14-runner handicap at Goodwood (7f) 14 days ago by 1¼ lengths from Mister Bluebird. Good record here and needs considering despite 4 lb rise.

7 10 COLOMBIER (35) (D, BF) **98**
70114/9-0 6 9-6 | 59.9kg

Hamad Al Jehani **James Doyle**
A 4-time winner in France. Sent off 10/3 for his yard debut/first run for 16 months but proved much too free when tenth of 11 in handicap at Ascot (1m) 35 days ago. Remains handily weighted if back on song here.

8 6 MISTER BLUEBIRD (14) (D) s **96**
21238-022 8 9-2 | 58.1kg

Heather Main **C. T. Keane**
A dual 6f/7f scorer in 2025. Is knocking on the door this season, second of 14 to Crimson Spirit in handicap at Goodwood (7f) 14 days ago. Can go well again nudged up 1 lb.

9 16 ZARATHOS (IRE) (21) (D) **96**
4372-0411 4 9-1 | 57.6kg

Dylan Cunha **Hector Crouch**
Arrives on the up, finally getting off the mark at Windsor in May before following up in 22-runner handicap at York (7f) 21 days ago. Up another 7 lb but this front runner is not taken lightly in his hat-trick bid.

10 11 A WAR EAGLE (IRE) (30) (D) **94**
1220-8155 4 9-0 | 57.2kg

Michael & David Easterby **Billy Garrity**
Doubled career tally at Beverley in April and in good nick since, fifth in Thirk Hunt Cup and 13-runner 7f handicap (behind Dance In The Storm) at Chester. This looks too tough.

11 1 ARCTIC THUNDER (IRE) (30) (D) **96**
970434-07 5 9-0 | 57.2kg

Ed Walker **Kieran Shoemark**
Losing run now stretches back 2 years but did enough to suggest a return to peak form is imminent when seventh of 13 to Dance In The Storm in 7f Chester handicap 30 days ago, finishing strongly. Considered.

12 4 PIETRO (IRE) (30) (CD) **96**
212162-13 4 9-0 | 57.2kg

James Fanshawe **George Wood**
Twice a winner in 2025 and also landed 7f handicap at Wolverhampton in March. Backed it up with a solid third of 13 to Dance In The Storm at Chester (7f) 30 days ago.

13 15 MONARCH'S GOLD (29) **97**
121-5202 3 8-13 | 56.7kg

Kevin Philippart de Foy **David Egan**
Won 6f novices at Kempton and Southwell last autumn. Back on the up with cheekpieces quickly dispensed with when runner-up in 12-runner handicap at Chester 29 days ago. Can make presence felt with relatively few miles still on the clock.

14 7 MUSICAL ANGEL (60) (CD) **96**
5818321-5 4 8-12 | 56.2kg

Simon Dow **David Probert**
Signed off for Andrew Balding with C&D win in September. Changed hands for 50,000 gns and given a considerate return for new yard when fifth of 7 in handicap at Kempton (6f) 60 days ago. Can take a step forward now.

15 5 SON (20) **96**
67067-229 5 8-12 | 56.2kg

Tim Easterby **David Allan**
Winless since 2023 but in good form this season until only ninth of 11 in handicap at Newmarket (7f) 20 days ago. The sort to bounce back.

16 14 SUNNY SMILE (IRE) (275) s+t **92**
35142- 3 8-2 | 51.7kg

Hugo Palmer **Saffie Osborne**
Gained a first win in Hamilton maiden in July and ended 2025 with a good second of 7 in nursery there (6f) in September. This step up to 7f promises to suit so he's not out of things after 9 months off with cheekpieces added.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Dance In The Storm, **9-1** Zarathos, **10-1** Monarch's Gold, **10-1** Crimson Spirit, **14-1** Colombier, **14-1** Arctic Thunder, **14-1** Pietro, **16-1** Rhoscolyn, **16-1** Mister Bluebird, **20-1** Veblen Good, **25-1** Son, **25-1** Aurora Majesty, **28-1** The Angel King, **28-1** Sunny Smile, **33-1** Musical Angel, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A wide open finale but it's still hard to ignore the claims of DANCE IN THE STORM who really impressed on her return when going in at Chester and can make light of a 6 lb rise. Rhoscolyn took this in 2021 and 2024 and lurks on a dangerous mark again now so heads the list of dangers ahead of Zarathos, Mister Bluebird and Arctic Thunder.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DANCE IN THE STORM 2. RHOSCOLYN 3. ZARATHOS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Partisan Hero 5-8-10	7-2	David Loughnane	Silvestre De Sousa	12
2024	Rhoscolyn 6-10-2	9-1	David O'Meara	James Doyle	12
2023	Spanish Star 8-10-2	12-1	Patrick Chamings	Rhys Clutterbuck	12
2022	Bowman 4-8-12	80-1	Laura Mongan	William Carson	15
2021	Rhoscolyn 3-8-10	9-2	David O'Meara	James Doyle	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race